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Application No.: 10/016,998
Office Action dated April 5, 2006

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul A. Kline

Confirmation No.: **4988**

Application No.: **10/016,998**

Group Art Unit: **2638**

Filing Date: **December 14, 2001**

Examiner: **David C. Payne**

For: **INTERFACING FIBER OPTIC DATA WITH ELECTRICAL
POWER SYSTEMS**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On April 5, 2006, Examiner Payne issued an office action (the "Office Action") for the above identified application indicating that the response to the October 18, 2005 office action (filed by Applicant on January 18, 2006) was not fully responsive because Applicant failed to cite to relevant passages of the submitted prior art. The Office Action set a thirty day due date for responding and indicated that extension fees would be due when replying.

Applicant's representative spoke with Mr. Jason Chan, Examiner Payne's supervisor, on April 12 regarding the above case. Mr. Chan stated that he did believe that there is requirement to cite the relevant passages of the prior art and, therefore, Applicant's reply should not have been considered unresponsive for that reason. Mr. Chan indicated he would speak with Examiner Payne. A few days later Applicant's representative received a telephone call from Examiner Payne in which Examiner Payne indicated that he would issue an interview summary that would state that a new office action with a new due date would be issued.

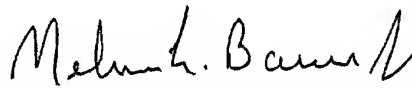
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Because the interview summary had not been issued and the May 5 due date was approaching, Applicant's representative called Examiner Payne on May 1, 2006. Examiner Payne indicated that he would issue the interview summary that same day. Examiner Payne also stated that he would fax a copy of the interview summary to Applicant's representative.

As of today, May 2, 2006, Applicant's representative has not received the interview summary or a newly issued office action and awaits both.

Date: May 2, 2006



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